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In re Application of Martin Greppmair Application No. 09/508,356

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DECISION ON PETITION TO WITHDRAW THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

This is in reply to applicant's renewed petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment, filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 4, 2002.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A review of the file record indicates that the application was held abandoned for failure to timely respond to the Office action dated May 24, 2001.

Applicant's original communication received November 28, 2001 included a copy of a response bearing a Certificate of Mailing date of August 24, 2001 but lacked the personal knowledge statement required by 37 CFR 1.8(b)(3). The renewed petition received on February 4, 2002 includes a statement by Jody A. Calderon which attests to the personal knowledge of mailing the response on the date indicated on the Certificate of Mailing. This is sufficient evidence of a timely response.

Also, upon further review of the file, it is noted that the original response has been placed in the file. Since the original the amendment was submitted by the applicant on August 24, 2001, and has since been matched with the proper file, the holding of abandonment is withdrawn and the application is restored to pending status. The application is being forwarded to the Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner for entry of the amendment, and then to the Primary Examiner for prompt action on the merits of the application.

Telephone inquiries relative to this decision should be directed to Special Programs Examiner Randolph Reese at (703) 308-2121.

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